

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus and method for reducing the sound in surrounding areas when a user is speaking into a communication device such as wireless cell phone. A communication device may be

5    provided with a sound-absorbing body and attachment means may be provided for positioning the body in an operable position adjacent to or in proximity to the receiver or input area of the phone without substantially blocking passage of the speech from the user into the input area. The body may be in the form of a talk screen, which is selectively positionable between an operable position described above, and a non-operable position.

10   Desirably, when in the non-operative position, the apparatus is more compact and does not occupy additional space or as much space as when in the operative position, and is more convenient to transport and store. The illustrated structures show various forms or shapes of screens, some of which are generally flat, while others are arcuate or curved to better provide the desired containment and absorbing.